Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Marion (Mike) Anthony Novak and Shirley (Hodgin) Novak exchanged their wedding vows on August 28, 1943, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Reliance, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Mike and Shirley gave life and love to four children, they now have seven grandchildren and seven great-grandsons; and,

Whereas, The newly-wed couple of 60 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Mike and Shirley have been active members of St. James Catholic Church in Chamberlain, South Dakota, both have enjoyed golfing, and Shirley was recently inducted into the Chamberlain Women's Bowling League Hall of Fame, honoring her for 47 years of consecutive bowling, her high bowling accomplishments, and for starting a league, she takes pleasure in canning fruits and vegetables, and her lemon pie and potato salad are a couple of items she is well known for - Mike has treasured the time he spent teaching his grandchildren to keep their cars in good repair, fishing with his great-grandsons, and likes listening to music; and,

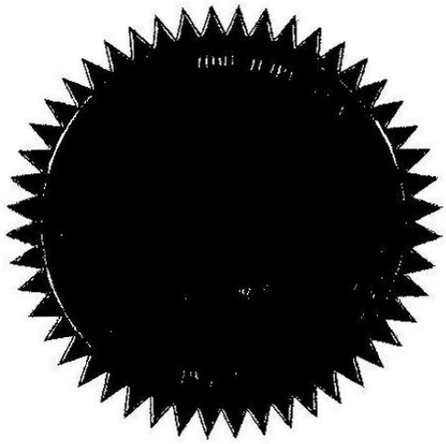
Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Mike and Shirley have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 28, 2003, as

MIKE AND SHIRLEY NOVAK DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State
Chad W. Heinrich, Deputy